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TIGER BY THE TAIL...

I'm a very firm believer in the old adage; "If you want something done right, you've got to do it yourself." No one else has that drive, that determination, knowledge and vision that you would have for what you want to do.

Everyone has their own opinions and concepts on anything and everything.

I have my own ideas of what NOW COMICS is, and will be, and keeping close tabs on it these past few years (although it feels like few decades), has worked. You are enjoying our comics, right? Of course you are, you're buying them! Everyone is buying them!

Ultimately what this does is create a frenzy that has turned NOW COMICS into my pet monster. Like holding a tiger by it's tale, it's dragged me into some wonderful places and situations, and also into not so wonderful places and situations.

And I don't regret a thing. I've learned from my mistakes as well as my triumphs. Just as in life you learn from your accomplishments and failures.

I've made a major commitment with creating a "New Age" comic company. And I'll stand by it to make sure you get every wonderful issue of your favorite characters in our line. But I don't do it alone, mind you, let me introduce you to some of the people who bring you the finest in graphic entertainment every month.

Besides all the creative types, (who always get all the glory) we have Regina Samoska, who, like the REAL GHOSTBUSTERS'ever efficient Janine Melnitz, deals with the eccentrics who roam into the office by door or by phone. My own personal name for the comic industry is "Little Hollywood". So just as in Hollywood, we have much rif-raf.

Regina keeps them from interrupting the daily schedule. She also handles some of the more important things like re-orders, this is to make sure when your outlet runs out of copies of your favorite books, they get restock A.S.A.P!

And then there's Katherine Llewellyn, the production assistant, who can handle the thousands of letters we receive every month, but still has the time to grace the pages of the few privileged books in our line that she paints.

Now (no pun intended), we come to the heart of NOW COMICS,the Vice-President and Treasurer; Nanette Injeski. This is a woman that pumps the blood through the veins of NOW COMICS. Without a doubt a lion and tiger tamer.

Although a very talented artist herself, she finds it essential to use her keen sense of business to make sure that the comics stay on schedule.

Then of course there's myself, the publisher, owner, designer, and now, Editor n' Chief. Hey, it's a big responsibility, but somebody's got to do it, and do it right.

But of course, that's only my opinion.

Tony Caputo
Editor n' Chief
Publisher

It's when you stop to catch your breath, that's when you become the most vulnerable...
TOMMY, BLAST THAT NEST OF 'EM--
THEY AIN'T STOPPIN' FOR NUTHIN'!
WIT' PLEASURE, SIR!
BECAUSE THEY DON'T BREATHE. THEY'RE MACHINES. KILLING MACHINES...
THEY'RE TERMINATORS...
I CAN'T WAIT TO GIT MY HANDS ON ONE OF THEM PLASMA RIFLES-- THESE THINGS AREN'T DOING MUCH GOOD...
YAH HUNGRY FOR OUR SKINS, HUH?
SORRY, ALL I GOT IS THIS!

KA-BOOM
THESE ARE JOHNNIE-O AND THE SYNTH-SLASHERS. OR AT LEAST WHAT'S LEFT OF THEM.
OKAY TROOP! LET'S MOVE IT, FAST!
GOOD SHOT, KID.
THANKS, JOHNNIE-O -- ANYTIME!
JOHNNIE-O'S THE ACTING COMMANDER. HE FEELS THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY IS TO BECOME THE ENEMY.
'MEMBER TROOPS, DON'T STOP 'TIL YA DROP!
THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH THIS PHILOSOPHY IS THAT A TERMINATOR IS MADE OF FLESH AND METAL...

AND MAN IS MADE OF FLESH AND BONE.
ARRGGHH!
KA-BLAM!
MOVE IT! MOVE IT! MOVE IT!
I'LL HOLD THE BASTARDS!
EAT HOT--!
URK!
THEY GOT HOLEWCZYNSKI!
HUSSLE!
I'M MOVING! I'M MOVING!
CLOSE, DAMMIT, CLOSE!!
PLASMA RIFLES
WHEW--
WHA--?!
...GUYS... WE JUST HIT THE MOTHERLOAD!
GRAB ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING, AND LET'S GET OUT! FAST!
GRENADES
LASERS

WOW... THIS IS PLASMA 404! THIS'LL MELT THOSE SUCKERS!
STOP GAWKIN' AND START GRABBIN'!
JEZ... A 506 PHW! IT'S SO CLEAN!
PLASMA RIFLES
BOOM!
AAARRGH!
OH MAN... I CAN JUST GUESS --
-- WHO'S COME TA VISIT.
HUH?
IT DOESN'T SEE ME... MUST BE THE SMOKE... WHO?
ZAP

THEY'RE SHOOTING EACH OTHER ...?
AW NO, THEY STILL CAN'T FOCUS THROUGH SMOKE - STUPID MACHINES...
PLASMA 404...
DO YOUR STU-- OOFF!
JEZ... THIS THING PACKS A WALLUP!
TIM! NOT IN HERE, MAN!
STOP!
GRENADES
I...
CCCAN'T!
KA-TOOM!
BOOM!

MEANWHILE AT THE SARAH'S SLAMMERS' HOMEBASE...
THIS IS IDIOTIC...
CHRIST... I CAN'T BELIEVE WE LET A TERMINATOR JUST WALK INTO THE BASE...
FOR THE LAST TIME, KONRAD IS NOT A TERMINATOR!
HE'S A SYNTHETIC... HE'S PROBABLY FEEDING INFORMATION TO SKY-NET AS WE SPEAK.
I SAY WE BLOW 'EM ALL AWAY...
THEY'RE TROUBLE, LEAHY...
I KNOW IT!
SHUT UP, AND LET THEM TALK.
WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMIES... YOU KNOW WE'RE AS HUMAN AS YOU ARE!
KONRAD, AS ALL SYNTHETICS ON THE MOON, IS MERELY A SERVANT AND QUITE HARMLESS.
I ASSURE YOU, MS. DOYLE, I MEAN YOU NO HARM--
SHUT UP, 'GATOR!

KONRAD IS MADE BY A FAR SUPERIOR TECH - NOLOGY THAN A TERMINATOR--
OH, THAT'S JUST GREAT!
A BETTER KILLING MACHINE THAN A TERMINATOR ?!
HOW MANY MORE OF YOU ARE OUT THERE, HUH? A HUNDRED THOUSAND? A MILLION? ARE YOU ALL STATIONED ON THE MOON? HOW MANY OF YOU ARE ON EARTH?
AS I SAID BEFORE, MS. DOYLE...
I'M THE ONLY ONE.
WHOA--?
DID YA SEE THAT? HE SLIPPED IT OUT OF HER HAND LIKE NUTHIN'!
DAMMIT, WOULD YOU PUT THOSE THINGS DOWN, HE ISN'T GOING TO HURT YOU!
LOOK SLAMMERS -- IF WE WERE ON THE WRONG SIDES...
YOU'D ALL BE DEAD BY NOW.

'MEMBER WHEN WE'D BLOW UP ALL THE TERMINATOR FACTORIES IN ATLANTA ?
JOHNNIE-O WOULD HAVE US ALL TAKE POSITIONS AROUND THE LEFT OVER PILES OF BURNING GARBAGE AND WE'D WAIT FOR THE 'GATORS TO CRAWL OUT.
WE ALL HAD PLASMA RIFLES BACK THEN, AND WE'D SEE WHO COULD HIT THE MOST 'GATORS.
JOHNNIE-O ALWAYS USED TO WIN.
BUT NOT TODAY... SNIF
G'BYE JOHNNIE-O... SNIFF
METAL MAGGOTS...
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
YA KEEP WITH ME, THAT'S WHAT! WE'RE GETTIN' OUT OF HERE...
CUZ JOHNNIE-O TAUGHT US GOOD!

HEAD FOR THE JUMPSHIP
WHAT ?!
I SAID--
OKAY, OKAY...
THAT ONE'S FOR JOHNNIE -O.
RRRR?
KEEP AN EYE ON THE DOOR --
I'LL SEE IF I CAN FLY THIS SUCKER...
OH MAN, THERE ISN'T ANY WORDS OR ANTHING-- IT'S ALL REMOTE CONTROL...
PICK A BUTTON, ANY BUTTON-- THEY'RE COMING THROUGH!
ZOOOM
OOH . GOTTA TAKE... CONTROL..

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THERE WHEW
WHERE DO WE GO NOW?
ANYWHERE BUT HERE. MAYBE--
WHA? WHAT'S GOING ON?
SKYNET HAS CONTROL
OH NO
WE'RE TRAPPED.
A-ARE WE GOING TO DIE, TIM?
WAIT-- THE DOOR!
IT WAS DAMAGED BY THE 'GATORS
ARE YOU CRAZY?
WE RE TOO HIGH--AND, AND THAT'S A SWAMP
OUR SKIN MAY GET WET, BUT AT LEAST IT'LL STILL BE OURS.
AAAAHH
SPLOOSH

THE SLAMMER'S HOMEBASE, SOMETIME LATER...
IS THIS IT? THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON THE FLESH FARMS?
THAT'S IT... REEDFOOT WAS GETTING US MORE, BUT...*
WE HADN'T PLANNED AN ATTACK FOR SEVERAL MONTHS YET, WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE PLACE.
*LAST ISSUE - TONY
DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER?
YEAH RIGHT. NEXT TO THE TV AND VCR... SNICKER
SKYNET IS HOOKED UP TO EVERYTHING ELECTRONIC..
THEN THERE'S ONE WE CAN USE AT THE FLESH FARM - WE'LL SNEAK IN AND--
HAH-HA! YOU CAN'T SNEAK UP ON SKYNET! THEY HAVE MORE SENSORS THAN WE ALL HAVE EYES...
WE NEED TO KNOW IF THEY EVEN HAVE THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED BEFORE WE RISK OUR BUTTS.
GOW... THE SHIP
NO
IF WE CAN GET TO IT IN THAT SWAMP, I DOUBT IF IT'S FUNCTIONAL.
WELL, LET'S PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND PLAN AN ASSAULT. WE'LL NEED THOSE FANCY WEAPONS OF YOURS.

YEAH, GO 'HEAD LEAVE US FOR DEAD...
..STUPID MACHINES..
EITHER YOU'RE GETTIN' FAT, ANN, OR I'M GETTIN' SKINNY.
UGHN
I HOPE YOU'RE OKAY, WE'VE GOT A LONG --
ARRGH!
OH, MAN...
YA DON'T LOOK SO GOOD...
DON'T DIE... PLEASE
EH?
HANG IN THERE, ANN.
I FOUND SOMEPLACE... IT AIN'T A TERMINATOR PLACE -- TOO DIRTY..., AND WHERE'S THERE'S A PLACE, THERE'S A MEDIC
I HOPE.

SLAMMER'S HOMEBASE...
TRAVELED-- THROUGH TIME?
THAT'S THE RUMOR...
DID THEY SUCCEED?
NOBODY KNOWS, IT WAS THE 132ND UNDER PERRY THAT RAIDED THE PLACE. THEY HAD A KYLE REESE PLANNED TO FOLLOW THE 'NATOR, BUT THE PLACE BLEW UP BEFORE ANYBODY ESCAPED.
INCREDIBLE...
NOT EVEN-- WHA--??
BOOM!
MOVE OUT! DORIAN--??
NOTHING, SIR, SCANNERS CLEAN... NO 'GATORS.
THAN WHO THE HELL--?
KA-BOOM!
LET'S FIND OUT, 'CAUSE IF WE DON'T STOP THAT RACKET OUTSIDE...

..WE'LL HAVE TERMINATORS UP TO OUR EYEBALLS!
DAMMIT, IF WE LOSE HOMEBASE BECAUSE OF --
SLAGER!
SIR?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
SCOUTS WERE IN POSITION SIR, BUT IT WAS SUDDEN--
WE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHIN--
BOOM!
THIS HAS GOT TO STOP-- WAIT!
OH NO!
EVERYONE, TAKE COVER!
SSSSSSS

KABOOOM!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THE HELL THEY ARE, BUT TERMINATORS DON'T HIDE, SO THEY'RE PROBABLY SCAVENGERS WHO'RE RISKING OUR COVER.
HUMAN OR NOT, WE'LL HAVE TO KILL 'EM
DOYLE, DORIAN, MOVE IT BEFORE THEY DO ANYMORE DAMAGE.
MR LEAHY, I COULD EASILY DISPOSE OF THE INTRUDERS WITH TWO GRENADES.
NO. NO MORE NOISE AND LET'S SAVE THE EXPLOSIVES
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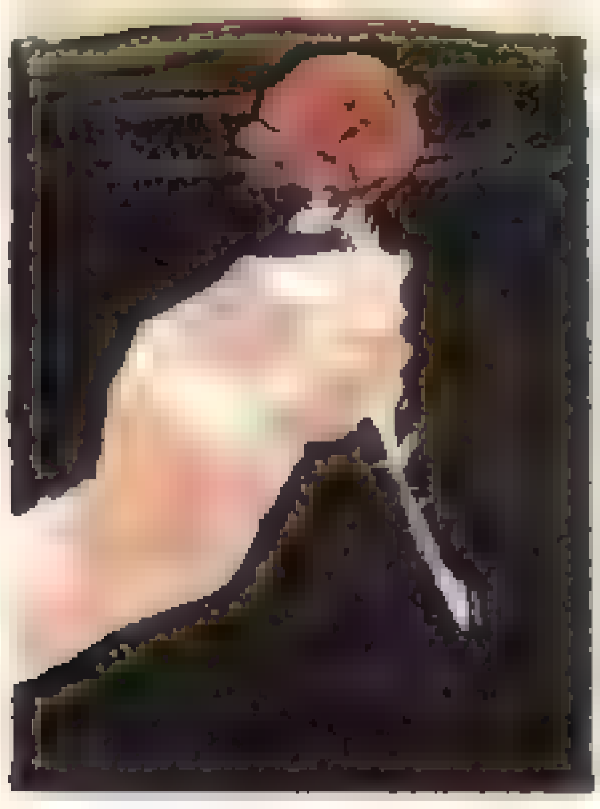

THE ALL NEW RUST

Written by Katherine Llewellyn, Vincent Locke
Edited by Tony Caputo
Painted in watercolor by Vincent Locke

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EVEN WITH THE THREAT OF EXTINCTION, WE STILL FIGHT AMONG OURSELVES.
WELL, WELCOME TO THE HUMAN RACE, YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN ON THE MOON TOO LONG...
WHAT WOULD THEY WANT? FOOD?
FOOD, WEAPONS, WOMEN, WHATEVER...
SOME OF THE JERKS KILL JUST FOR KICKS... WE THINK THAT A FEW OF THEM ARE BRAIN-WASHED BY SKYNET TO CREATE HAVOC.
THEY'RE BEHIND THE WATER TANK...
LET'S MOVE IN QUIETLY.
THIS REMINDS ME OF THE LAST FIREWATCH..
NEVER FORGET THAT WHEN LEAHY IS NOT AROUND, I GIVE THE ORDERS. UNDERSTOOD?
YES, SIR.

GOOD... TAKE THAT SIDE. WE'LL COVER HERE. ON MY COMMAND...
GO FOR IT!
WHA--?
HUH?
WHOA?

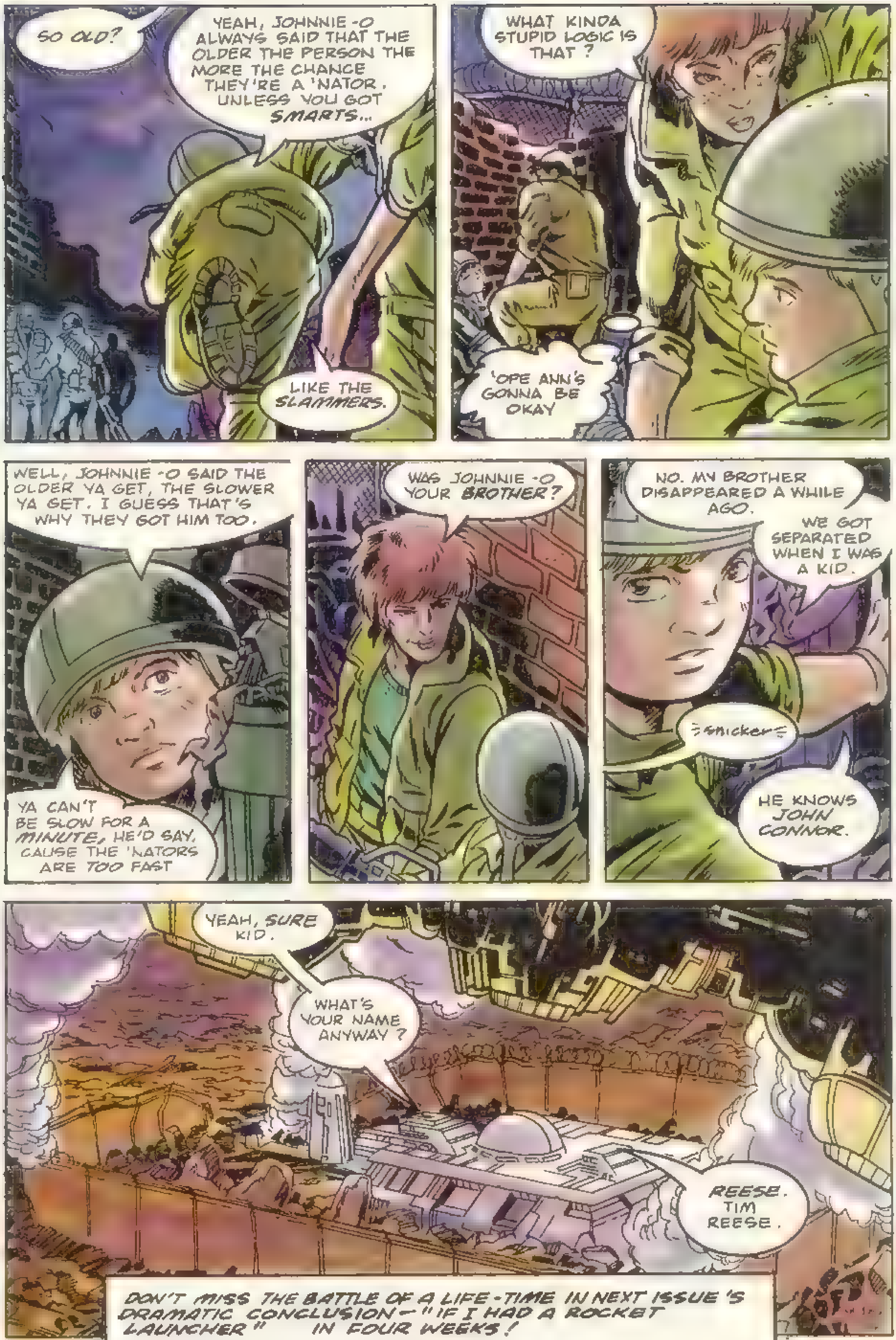
IT'S A KID!
??!!

GOTTA GET THEM CLOSER...
YAH MIGHT AS WELL KILL ME-- CUZ YAH AIN'T GONNA GET MY SKIN...
...THIS'LL DO MORE DAMAGE TO ME, METAL MAGGOTS-- AND I'LL DIE KNOWIN' THAT MY BLOOD'LL BE ALL OVER YOUR FACES!
HE THINKS WE'RE TERMINATORS?!
APPARENTLY SO..
PUT THAT THING AWAY YOU LITTLE IDIOT!
NO WAY.
FINE. YOU CAN STAY HERE AND GREET THE 'GATORS WHEN THEY GET HERE...
HUH?
THESE TERMINATORS ARE WEIRD. I AIN'T NEVER SEEN ONE LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND ALIVE...
...AND THEY TALK A LOT FOR 'NATORS-- MAYBE...

KID, WE'RE NOT TERMINATORS..
WE'RE HUMAN, JUST LIKE MY SCANNER SAYS YOU ARE
IT'S A GOOD THING TOO...
'CAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, PUNK!
DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'VE COST US OUR HOMEBASE ?
THERE'LL BE 'GATORS HERE IN TWENTY MINUTES, TOPS.
ALL CLEAR, IT'S MERELY A CHILD!
COME ON KID, GIVE ME THE GRENADE
SHOULD I TRUST THESE PEOPLE? I'M SO TIRED. MAYBE--

HEY?!
YOU WILL NOT BE NEEDING THIS.
HOW'D YAH DO THAT?
YOU COULD'VE LET ME EARN HIS TRUST.
NO TIME, ESSIE.
PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR WEAPON.
THIS GUY IS WEIRD. HE LOOKS LIKE A 'DROID, BUT WHAT'S HE DOIN' WITH HUMANS?
MOVE YOUR BUTTS, PEOPLE.
...WE HAVE 'NATORS IN TEN MINUTES!
ROSETTI, HAVE GOW TAKE CARE OF THE INJURED, WE'LL NEED THE REST OF YOUR TEAM FOR HELP.
I SAID, HAND OVER THAT RIFLE, PUNK!
COME ON, LITTLE ONE, LET'S SEE WHAT'S W...

ALRIGHT KID...
TAP TAP
HEY!
KEEP THE GUN FOR NOW, WE HAVEN'T THE TIME TO ARGUE
BUT YOU BETTER KNOW HOW TO USE IT.
MOVE IT, YOU TWO!
LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT THE SLAMMERS ARE MADE OF!
YOU'RE THE SLAMMERS? THE SARAH SLAMMERS?
YEAH...
SLAP!
WELL AWRIGHT!
NO WONDER YOU GUYS ARE SO OLD!
LET'S HIT IT!


SO OLD?
YEAH, JOHNNIE-O ALWAYS SAID THAT THE OLDER THE PERSON THE MORE THE CHANCE THEY'RE A 'NATOR. UNLESS YOU GOT SMARTS...
LIKE THE SLAMMERS.
WHAT KINDA STUPID LOGIC IS THAT?
'OPE ANN'S GONNA BE OKAY
WELL, JOHNNIE-O SAID THE OLDER YA GET, THE SLOWER YA GET. I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY GOT HIM TOO.
YA CAN'T BE SLOW FOR A MINUTE, HE'D SAY, CAUSE THE 'NATORS ARE TOO FAST
WAS JOHNNIE-O YOUR BROTHER?
NO. MY BROTHER DISAPPEARED A WHILE AGO.
WE GOT SEPARATED WHEN I WAS A KID.
=snicker=
HE KNOWS JOHN CONNOR.
YEAH, SURE KID.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME ANYWAY?
REESE. TIM REESE.
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